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REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 16-24 have been withdrawn. Claims 25-49 have been added and should be examined as being directed to the invention defined by Claims 1-15 and 25, i.e., the Group I claims elected in applicant's Reply to Restriction Requirement (April 25, 2003, Office Action) filed concurrently herewith. No new matter has been added. Early consideration and allowance of these claims is believed to be in order, and the same is respectfully requested.

With this reply, applicant submits 24 additional claims (2 independent) and withdraws claims 16-24 (including independent claims 16 and 22). As a result, applicant believes that 15 additional dependent claims require a fee. You are hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1170 \$270.00.

Should the Examiner consider additional fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help expedite matters.

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